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I. USSR General Comment:

The paper as a whole is accurate and well executed. We feel that the paper overstates Soviet reluctance to UAR and draws from this overstatement (bottom of page 20 and top of page 21) an unwarranted conclusion. The USSR has now accepted the UAR and it is doubtful that the deviation in policies, suggested in your conclusion, will occur in the foreseeable future. This point might be corrected by the following changes:

Page 3--third line from the bottom--"was probably regarded by the Soviet government essentially as a short term setback. . ."

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Page 3--bottom and top of page 4: Delete "Soviet silence on the subject of the UAR continued until late March", and substitute "Moscow's attitude of reserved approval toward UAR continued until late March. . .". There were Soviet commentaries and news reports prior to that time.

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Page 4--first paragraph--The conclusion drawn in the last sentence is a long jump from the linguistic analysis of one banquet speech. It is perhaps too much out of the context of the Nasir visit correctly described elsewhere in the paper.

Page 20--last paragraph--Delete "apparently" and say simply "while the USSR has accepted the UAR. . .". For all practical purposes Moscow has done so. Your conclusion in that sentence still stands.

Page 20--last line--Delete the last half of the sentence reading "and to exert pressures of various kinds upon the UAR government should that government want to take policy lines distasteful to the USSR". This conclusion is unwarranted in terms of practice to date and practice in the foreseeable future. All evidence suggests that Moscow has modified its own actions to suit the policy of the USSR where the two come into conflict. There will continue to be a great concurrence of interest between the two in terms of squeezing out Western influence and encouraging national liberation movements in Asia and Africa and this concurrence of interests will go far toward minimizing friction.

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II. Other Comment:

Page 3--line 7, beginning "Threats to . . ."--Delete and replace this sentence as follows. "Moscow does not feel bound to act within the bloc in the manner in which it acts in Asia. The Soviet announcement on 28 May that the USSR was "postponing" all its economic aid to Yugoslavia for a five year period shows the two-faced nature of Soviet adherence to "non-interference" in the internal affairs of other countries and the hollowness of the Soviet assertion. . . etc., etc."

Page 5--paragraph 2--for "of Khozrow Ruzbeh" read "of the recently executed Kozrow Ruzbeh." He departed this earth on 11 May.

Page 6--first paragraph line 2--For ",protesting US bases" read ",protesting alleged US bases". America has no bases in Pakistan.

Page 8--line 2--for "1948" read "1958".

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